

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Huntley Lodge, Big Sky Montana**  
**June 29, 2006 MINUTES**

On Thursday, June 29, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 1:00 PM, in the Yellowstone Conference Center in Big Sky, Montana, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

Those people on the attached list were present for the meeting.

**Parking on Right of Way, Abandoned or Junk Vehicles, Construction Worker Parking:** Ralph Hamler, Sanitarian, discussed the difference between Junk Vehicles and Abandoned Vehicles and the differences in the laws regarding removal of these vehicles. Ralph also explained the process his department uses to remove junk vehicles. Several citizens of Big Sky voiced concerns about vehicles, either Junk or Abandoned, that get left in public rights-of-way, in private parking lots, and other areas. Vehicles in public rights-of-way create problems for snow removal crews and cause traffic lanes to be narrowed because snow removal is not possible. People voiced frustration about trying to get vehicles removed. There is no wrecker service in Big Sky and no place to store impounded vehicles and wreckers from Bozeman are usually not willing to make the trip because the cost involved could end up being more than what they will make for towing and storing the vehicles. Dave Schenk, Madison County Sheriff, and Matt Daugherty, Big Sky Deputy, answered questions regarding what procedure to follow when there is a vehicle that needs to be removed. The option of using resort tax funds or creating a separate fund for vehicle removal was discussed. Construction vehicle parking can also create problems but because there is often no convenient place for crews to park, any problem that may arise is dealt with on a case by case basis.

**Public Safety Resolution:** Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, discussed safety needs in Big Sky and the need for a study to determine these needs and how to prepare for them. After discussion, Frank Nelson moved to approve Resolution 32-2006, a resolution initiating a study of Public safety planning implications in the Madison County Portion of Big Sky, Montana. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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C. Ted Coffman, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: July 10, 2006  
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